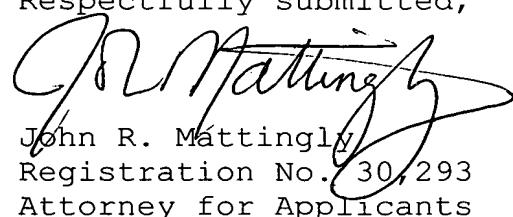


REMARKS

Examination is respectfully requested.

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ABSTRACT

In a working vehicle, the mode of steering front and rear
wheels can be changed over between two-wheel steering and
four-wheel steering. When changing the steering mode, an
operator shifts the mode change switch after confirming that
the front wheels 1, 1 and rear wheels 2, 2 are at neutral. One
of the mode lamps 38a, 38b and 38c of the mode indicator 38
corresponding to the current steering mode is turned on yellow
and the other mode lamps are turned on green or turned off,
thereby indicating whether front wheels 1, 1 and rear wheels
2, 2 are at neutral. A controller 39 does not operate a mode
changing valve 24 even with an instruction outputted from a
mode change switch 35 when the front and rear wheels are not
at neutral, and operates, in response to an instruction
outputted from the mode change switch 35, the mode changing
valve 24 to establish a steering mode corresponding to the
instruction when the front and rear wheels are at neutral.
Also, the mode indicator 38 is controlled to always indicate,
as the current steering mode, one corresponding to the
steering mode actually established by the mode changing valve
24. With those features, in a working vehicle in which the

~~mode of steering front and rear wheels can be changed over between two-wheel steering and four-wheel steering, a steering system having superior operability and high reliability can be provided.~~